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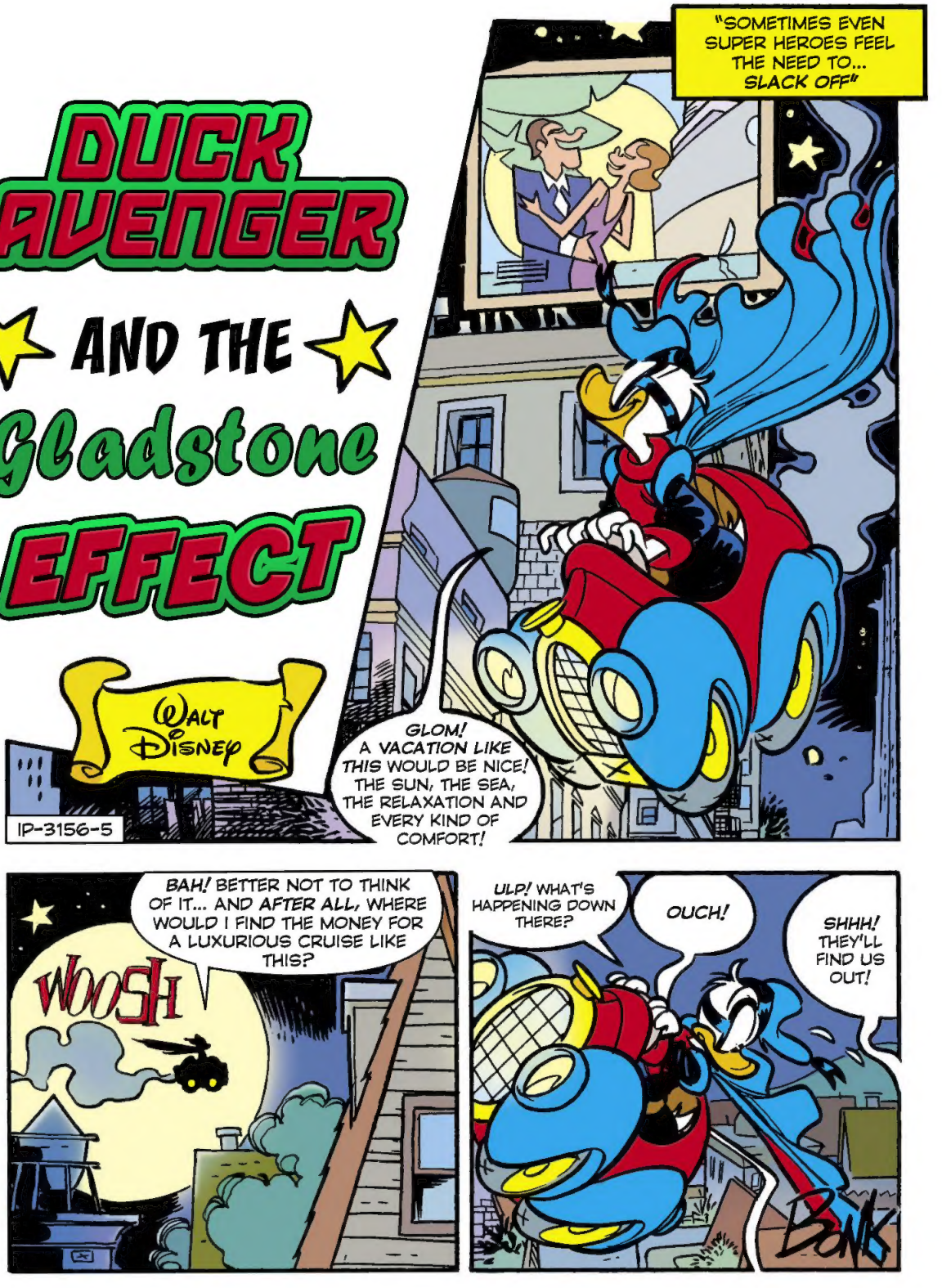
"SOMETIMES EVEN SUPER HEROES FEEL THE NEED TO... SLACK OFF"
GLOM! A VACATION LIKE THIS WOULD BE NICE! THE SUN, THE SEA, THE RELAXATION AND EVERY KIND OF COMFORT!
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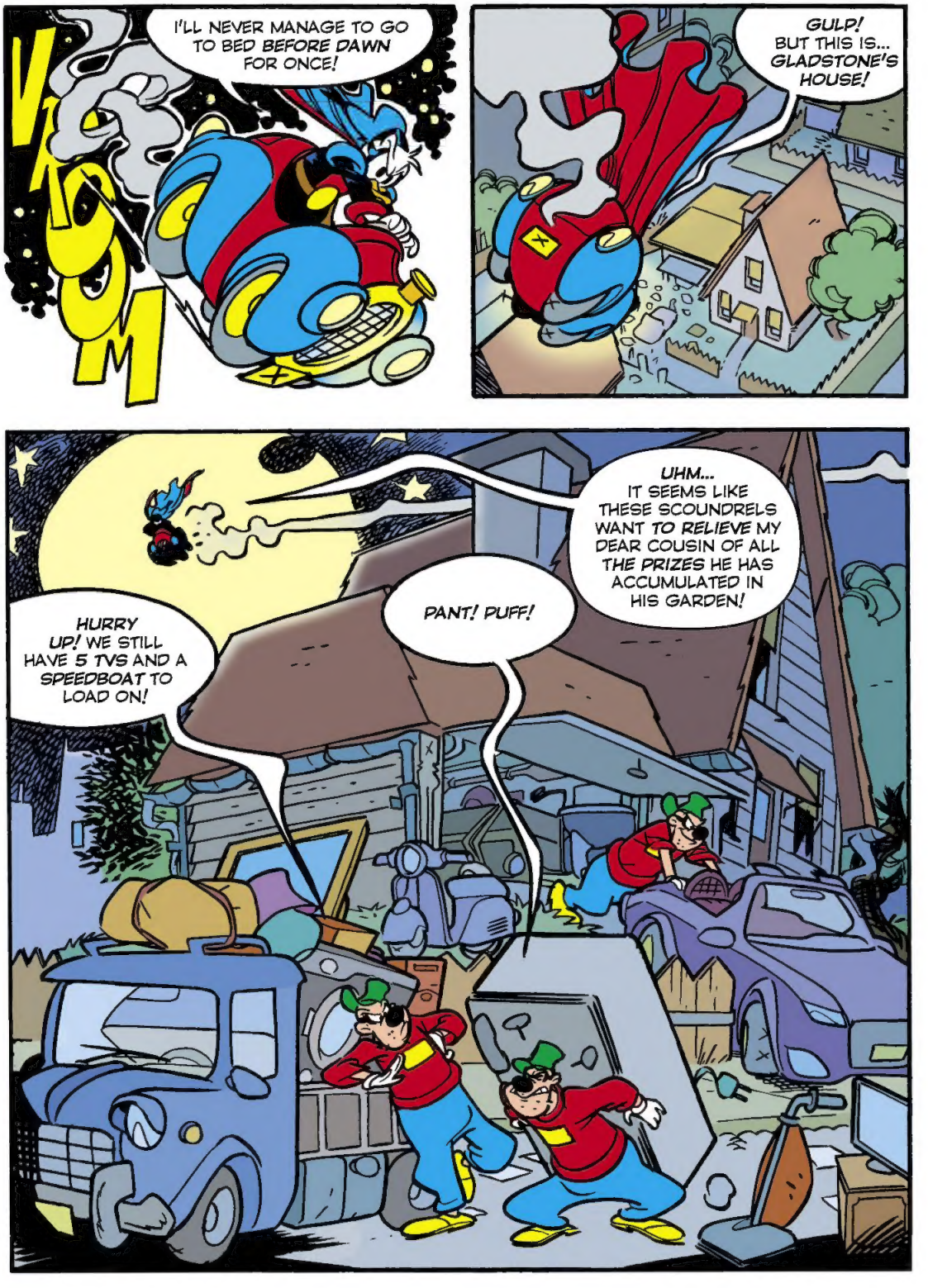
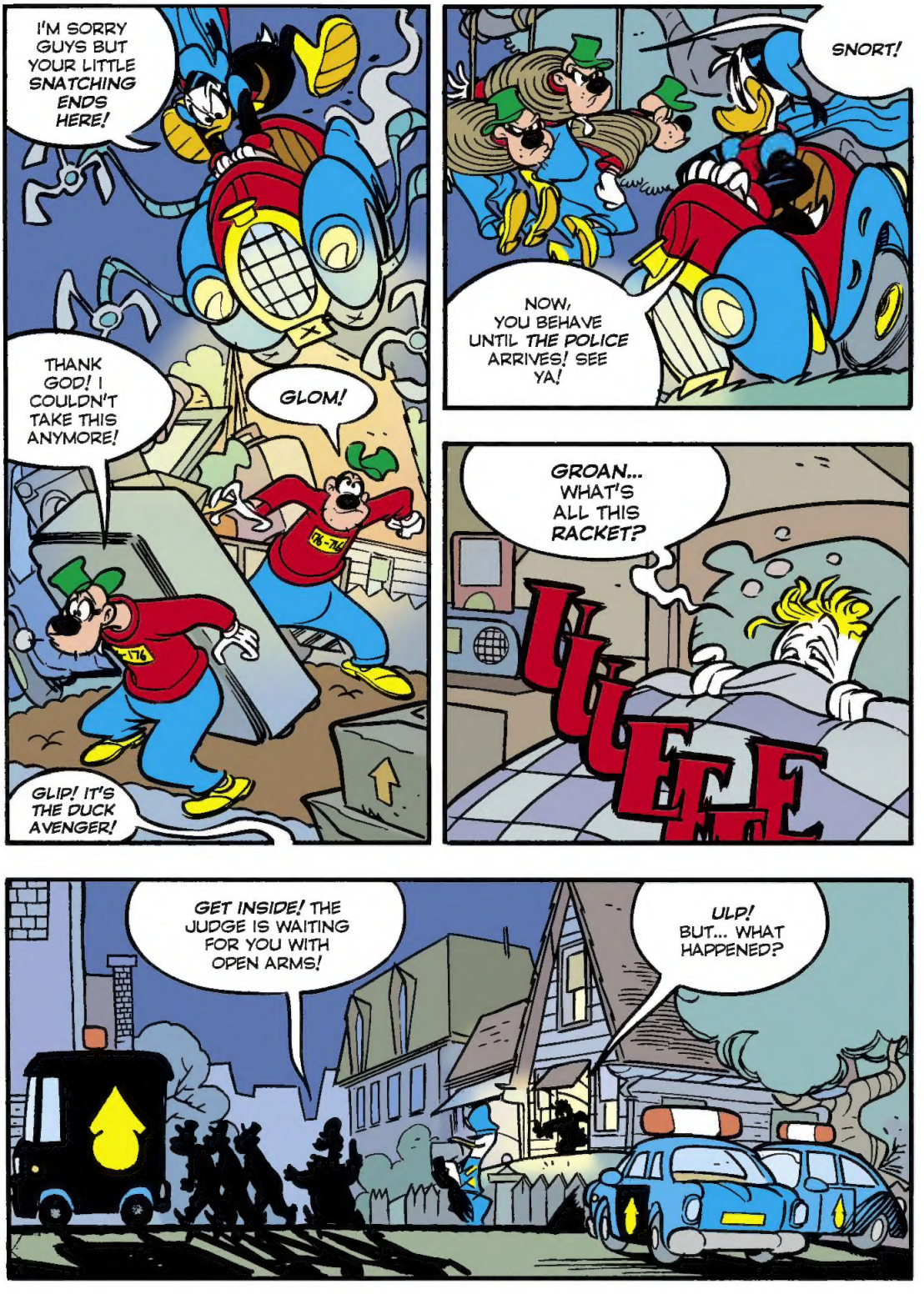
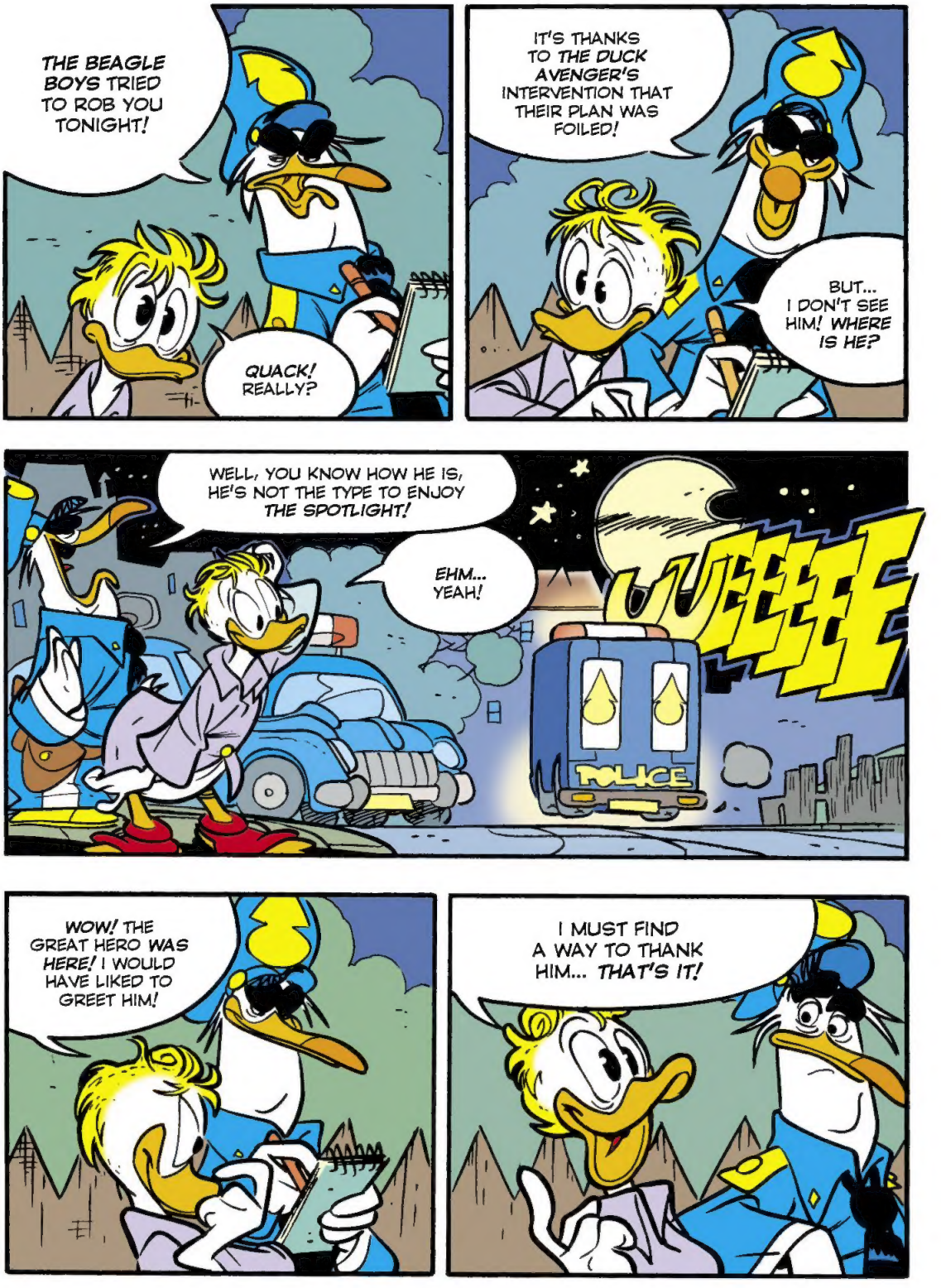
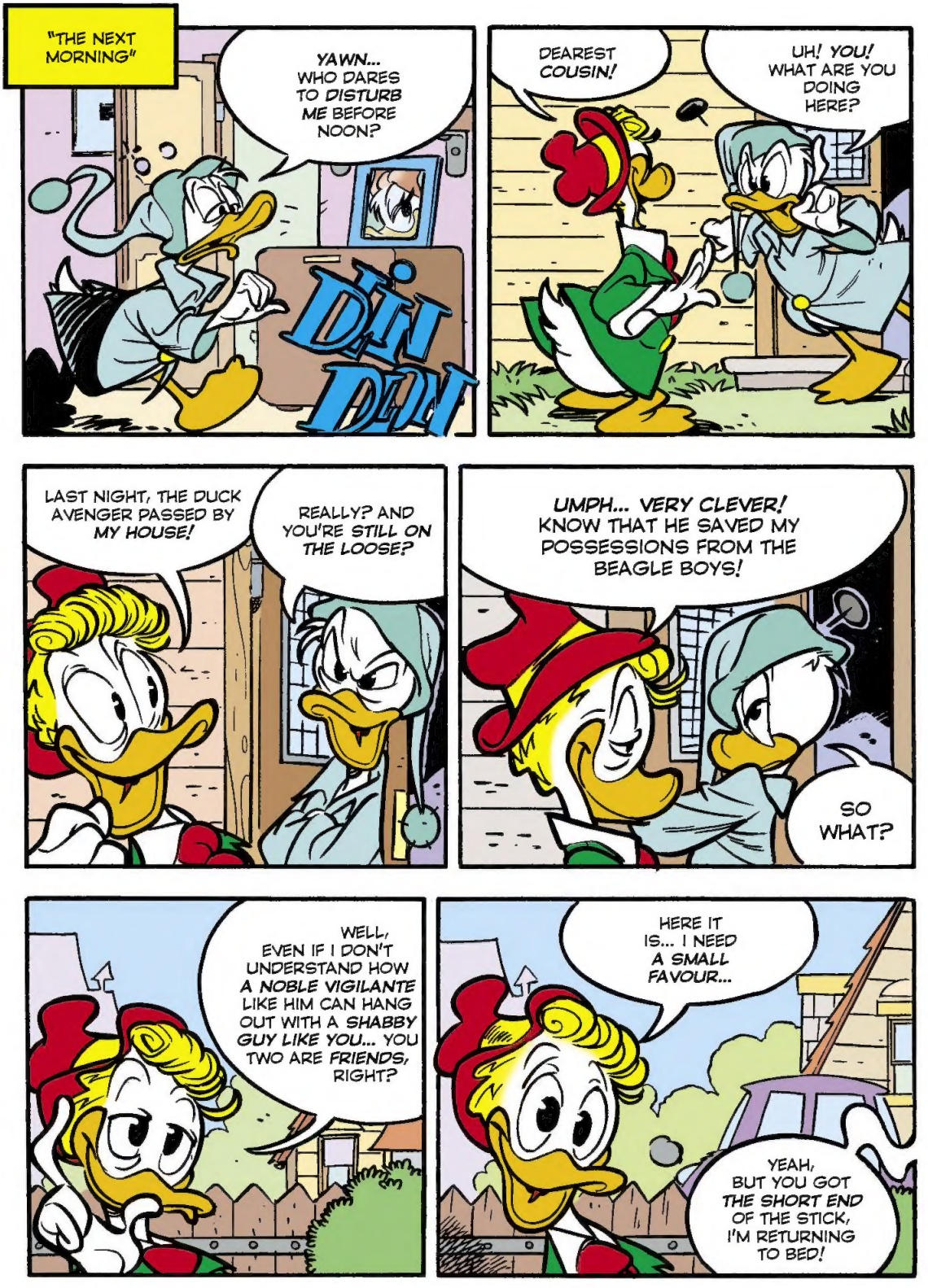
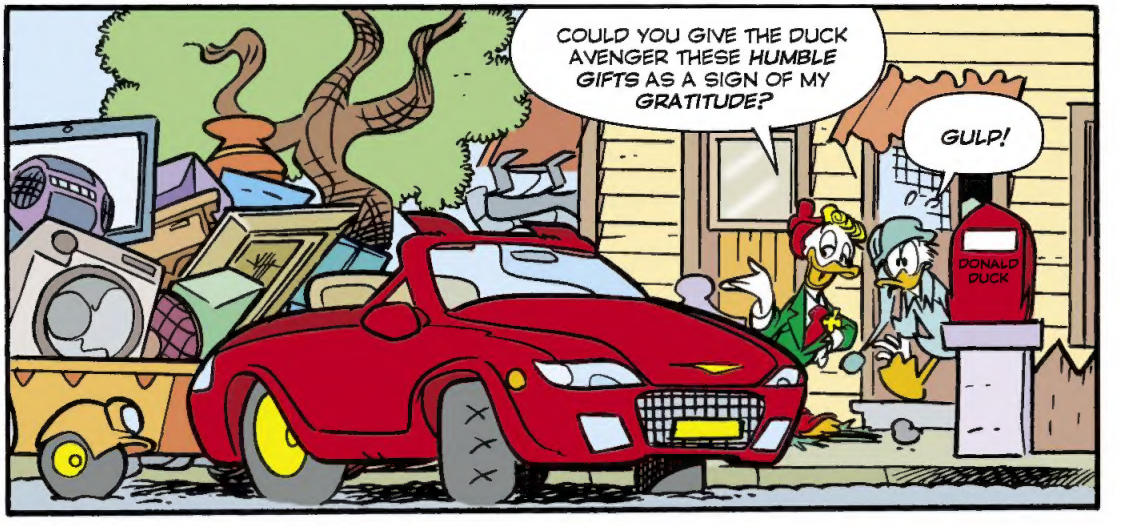
BAH! BETTER NOT TO THINK OF IT... AND AFTER ALL, WHERE WOULD I FIND THE MONEY FOR A LUXURIOUS CRUISE LIKE THIS?
WOOSH
ULP! WHAT'S HAPPENING DOWN THERE?
OUCH!
SHHH! THEY'LL FIND US OUT!
BONK

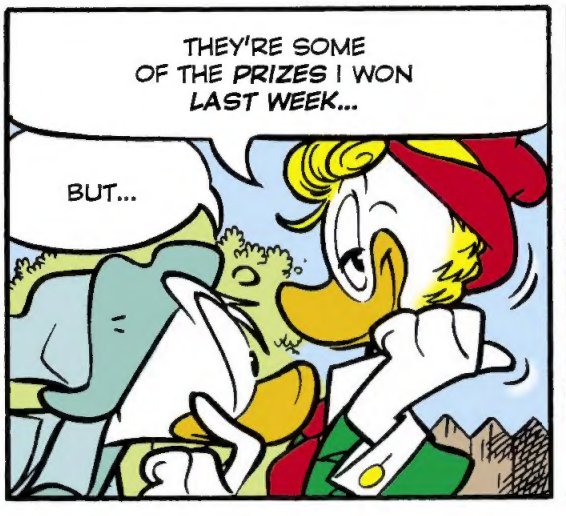

I'LL NEVER MANAGE TO GO TO BED BEFORE DAWN FOR ONCE!
VROOM
GULP! BUT THIS IS... GLADSTONE'S HOUSE!
UHM... IT SEEMS LIKE THESE SCOUNDRELS WANT TO RELIEVE MY DEAR COUSIN OF ALL THE PRIZES HE HAS ACCUMULATED IN HIS GARDEN!
PANT! PUFF!
HURRY UP! WE STILL HAVE 5 TVS AND A SPEEDBOAT TO LOAD ON!

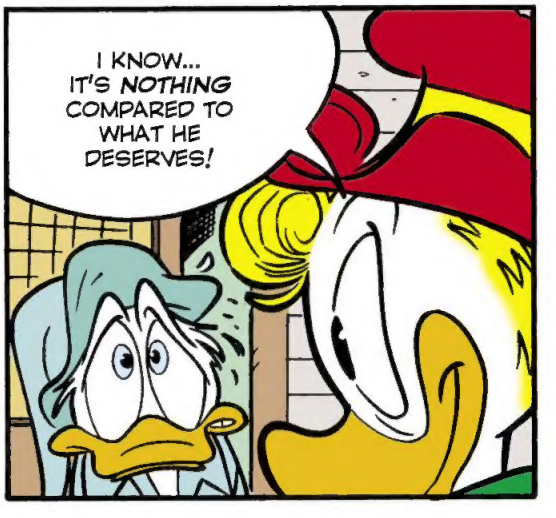

I'M SORRY GUYS BUT YOUR LITTLE SNATCHING ENDS HERE!
THANK GOD! I COULDN'T TAKE THIS ANYMORE!
GLOM!
GLIP! IT'S THE DUCK AVENGER!
SNORT!
NOW, YOU BEHAVE UNTIL THE POLICE ARRIVES! SEE YA!
GROAN... WHAT'S ALL THIS RACKET?
GET INSIDE! THE JUDGE IS WAITING FOR YOU WITH OPEN ARMS!
ULP! BUT... WHAT HAPPENED?

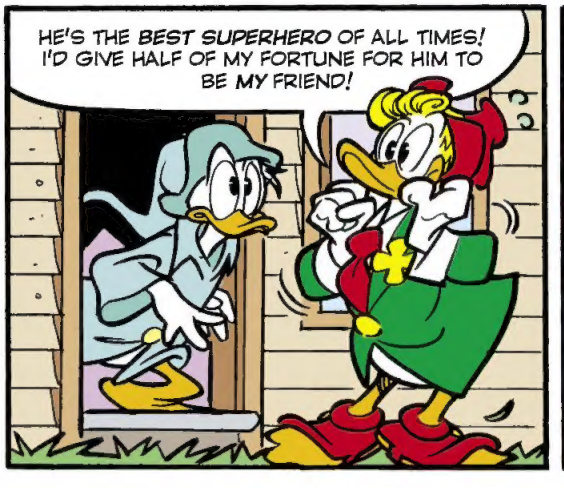

THE BEAGLE BOYS TRIED TO ROB YOU TONIGHT!
QUACK! REALLY?
IT'S THANKS TO THE DUCK AVENGER'S INTERVENTION THAT THEIR PLAN WAS FOILED!
BUT... I DON'T SEE HIM! WHERE IS HE?
WELL, YOU KNOW HOW HE IS, HE'S NOT THE TYPE TO ENJOY THE SPOTLIGHT!
EHM... YEAH!
WEEEE
POLICE
WOW! THE GREAT HERO WAS HERE! I WOULD HAVE LIKED TO GREET HIM!
I MUST FIND A WAY TO THANK HIM... THAT'S IT!

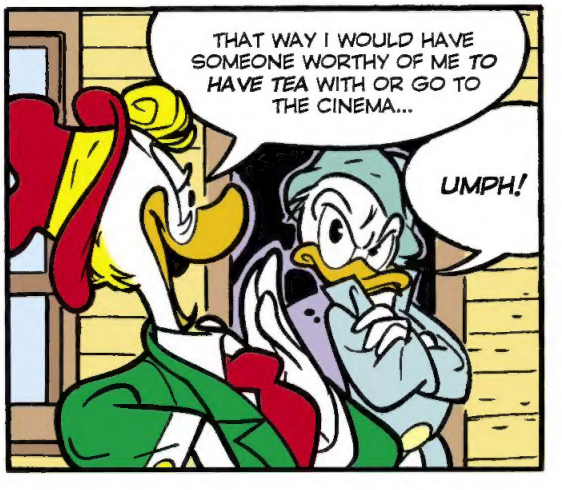

"THE NEXT MORNING"
YAWN... WHO DARES TO DISTURB ME BEFORE NOON?
DIN DON
DEAREST COUSIN!
UH! YOU! WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?
LAST NIGHT, THE DUCK AVENGER PASSED BY MY HOUSE!
REALLY? AND YOU'RE STILL ON THE LOOSE?
UMPH... VERY CLEVER! KNOW THAT HE SAVED MY POSSESSIONS FROM THE BEAGLE BOYS!
SO WHAT?
WELL, EVEN IF I DON'T UNDERSTAND HOW A NOBLE VIGILANTE LIKE HIM CAN HANG OUT WITH A SHABBY GUY LIKE YOU... YOU TWO ARE FRIENDS, RIGHT?
HERE IT IS... I NEED A SMALL FAVOUR...
YEAH, BUT YOU GOT THE SHORT END OF THE STICK, I'M RETURNING TO BED!

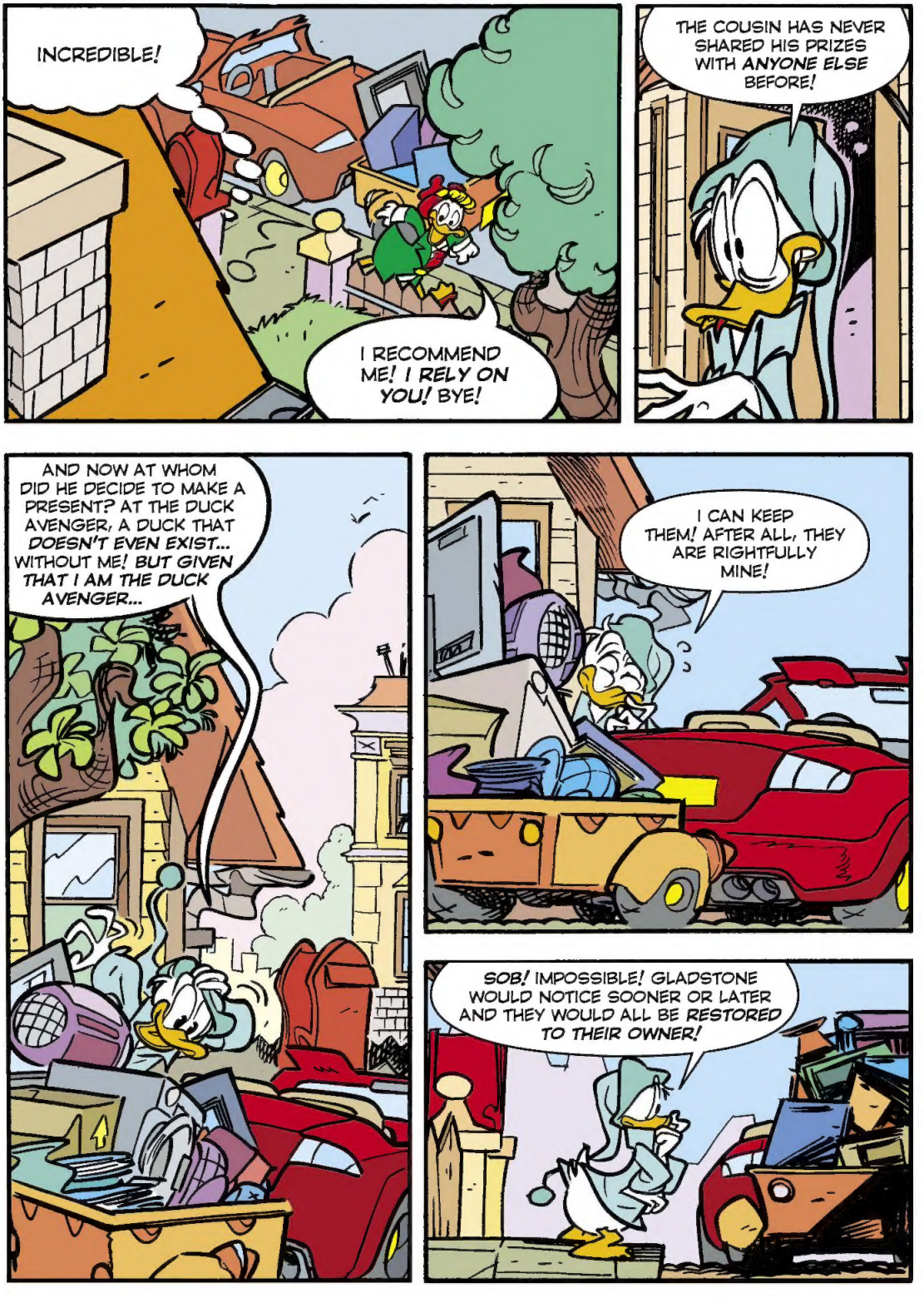

COULD YOU GIVE THE DUCK AVENGER THESE *HUMBLE GIFTS* AS A SIGN OF MY *GRATITUDE?*
GULP!
DONALD DUCK

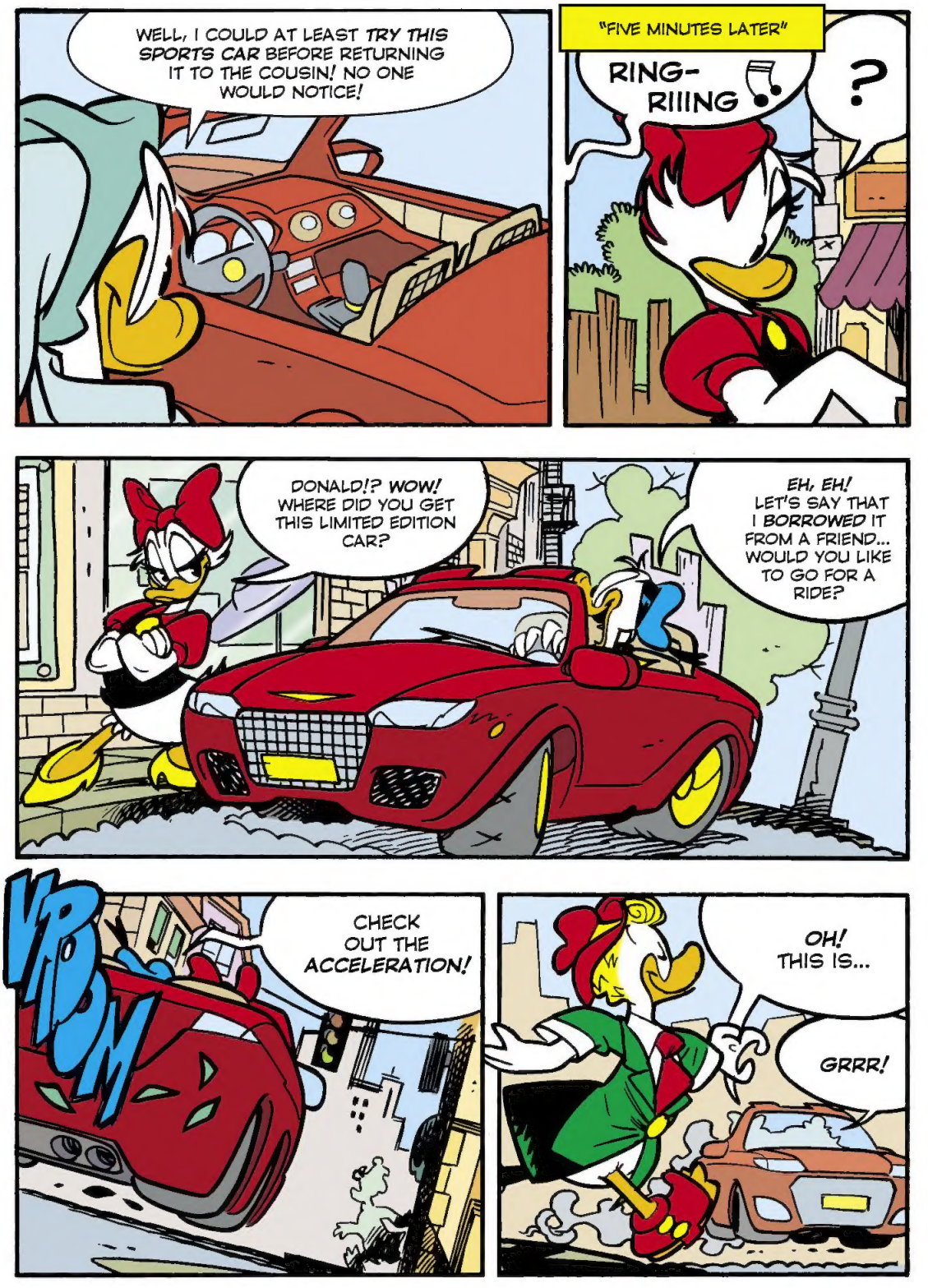

THEY'RE SOME OF THE *PRIZES* I WON *LAST WEEK...*
BUT...

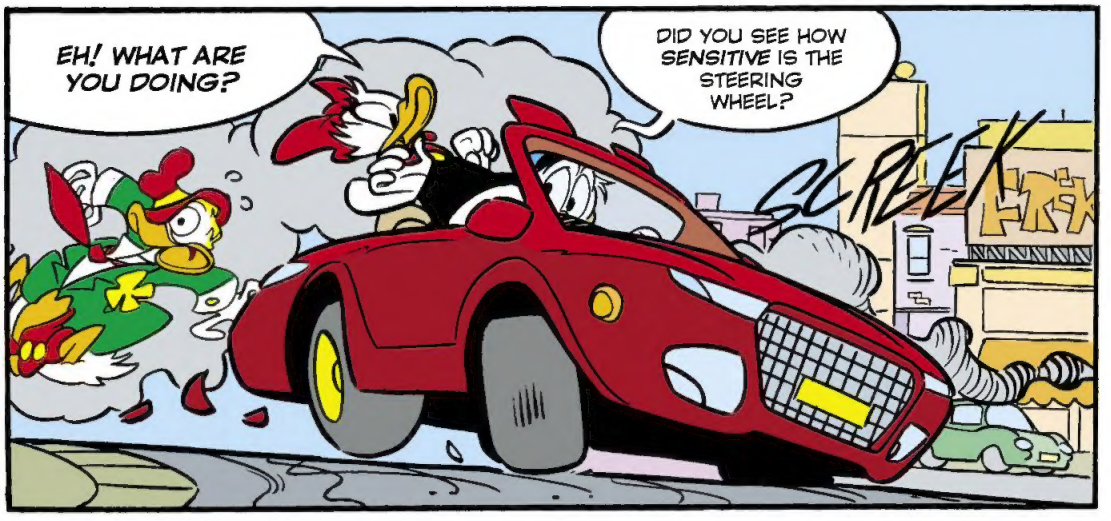

I KNOW... IT'S *NOTHING* COMPARED TO WHAT HE DESERVES!

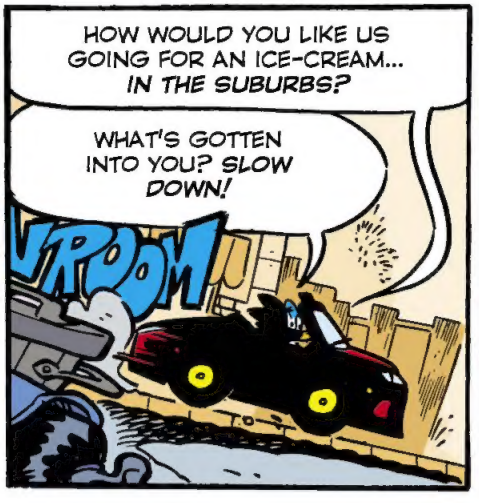

HE'S THE *BEST SUPERHERO* OF ALL TIMES! I'D GIVE HALF OF MY FORTUNE FOR HIM TO BE MY FRIEND!


THAT WAY I WOULD HAVE SOMEONE WORTHY OF ME *TO HAVE TEA* WITH OR GO TO THE CINEMA...
UMPH!

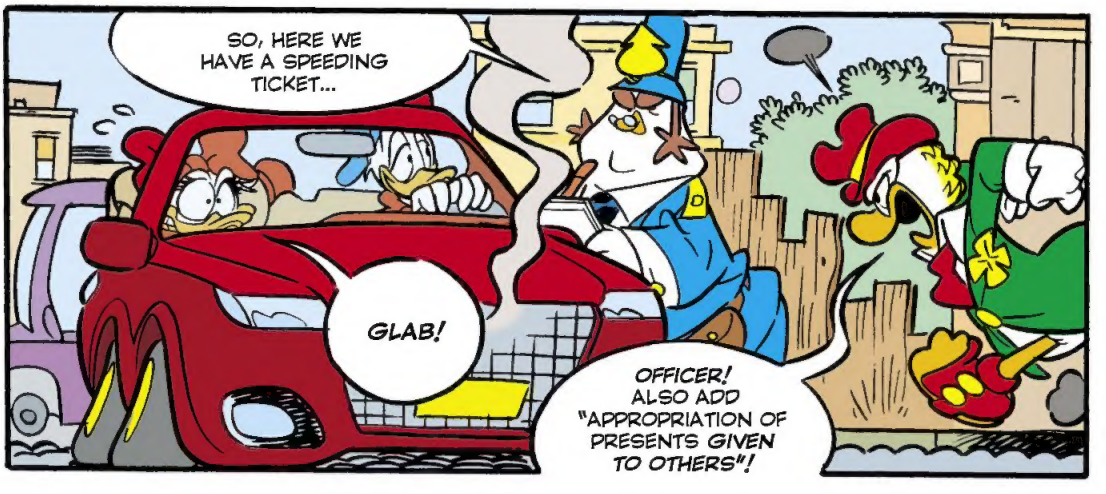

INCREDIBLE!
I RECOMMEND ME! I RELY ON YOU! BYE!
THE COUSIN HAS NEVER SHARED HIS PRIZES WITH ANYONE ELSE BEFORE!
AND NOW AT WHOM DID HE DECIDE TO MAKE A PRESENT? AT THE DUCK AVENGER, A DUCK THAT DOESN'T EVEN EXIST... WITHOUT ME! BUT GIVEN THAT I AM THE DUCK AVENGER...
I CAN KEEP THEM! AFTER ALL, THEY ARE RIGHTFULLY MINE!
SOB! IMPOSSIBLE! GLADSTONE WOULD NOTICE SOONER OR LATER AND THEY WOULD ALL BE RESTORED TO THEIR OWNER!

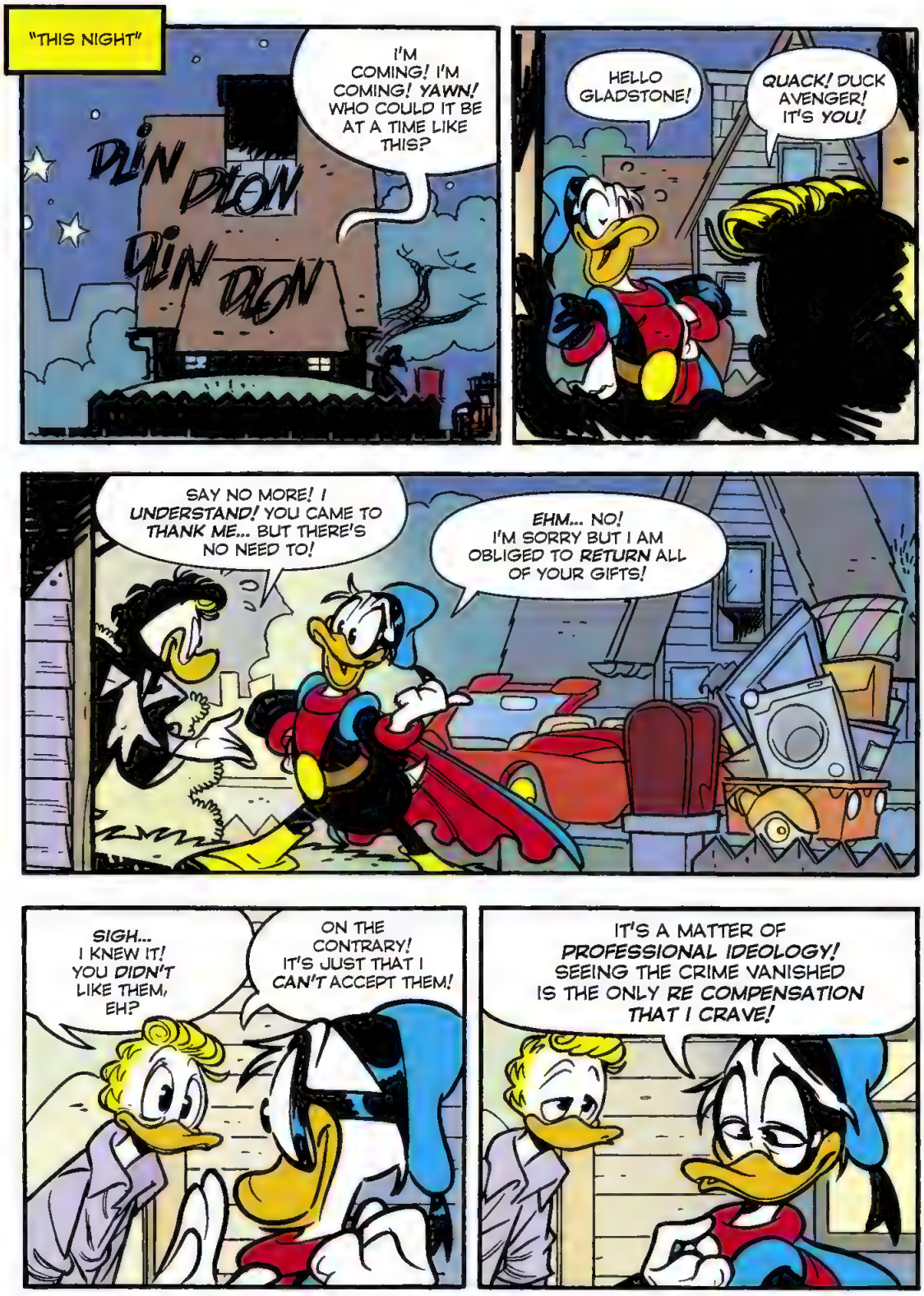

WELL, I COULD AT LEAST TRY THIS SPORTS CAR BEFORE RETURNING IT TO THE COUSIN! NO ONE WOULD NOTICE!
"FIVE MINUTES LATER"
RING-
RIIING
?
DONALD!? WOW! WHERE DID YOU GET THIS LIMITED EDITION CAR?
EH, EH! LET'S SAY THAT I BORROWED IT FROM A FRIEND... WOULD YOU LIKE TO GO FOR A RIDE?
VROOM
CHECK OUT THE ACCELERATION!
OH! THIS IS...
GRRR!

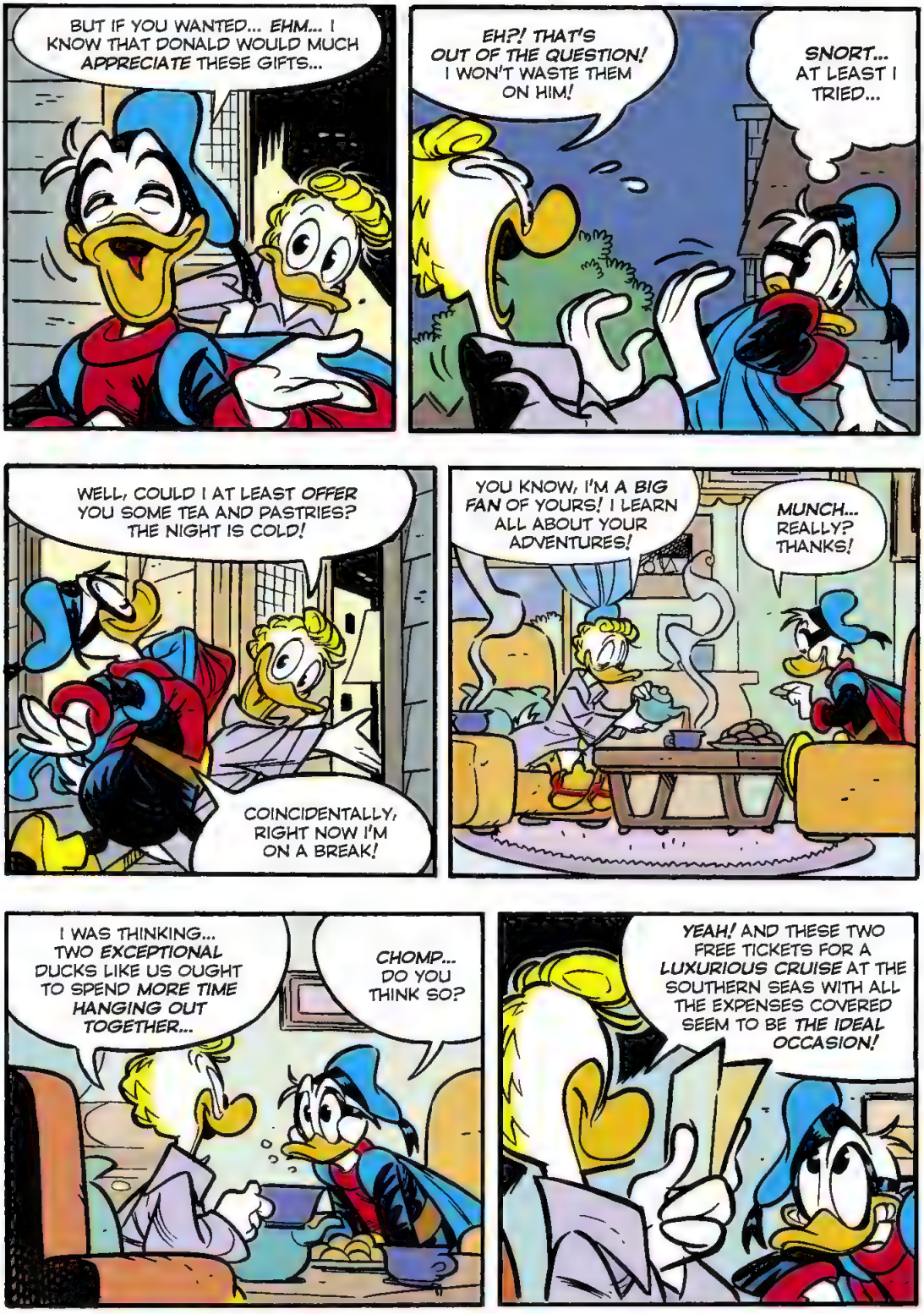

EH! WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
DID YOU SEE HOW SENSITIVE IS THE STEERING WHEEL?
SCREEK

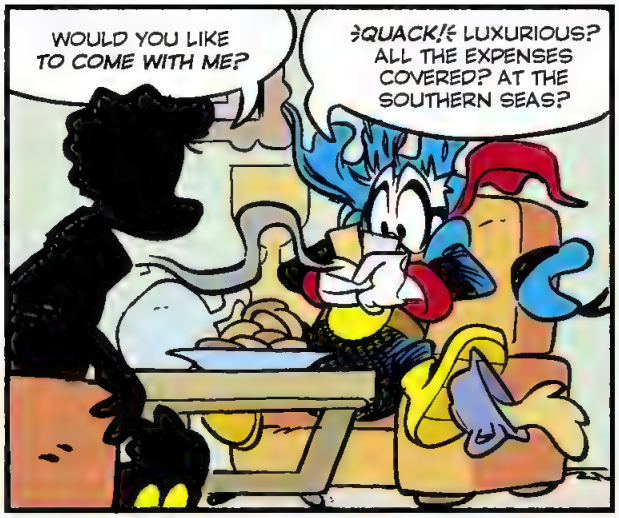

HOW WOULD YOU LIKE US GOING FOR AN ICE-CREAM... IN THE SUBURBS?
WHAT'S GOTTEN INTO YOU? SLOW DOWN!
VROOM

VROOOM
FIIIII!

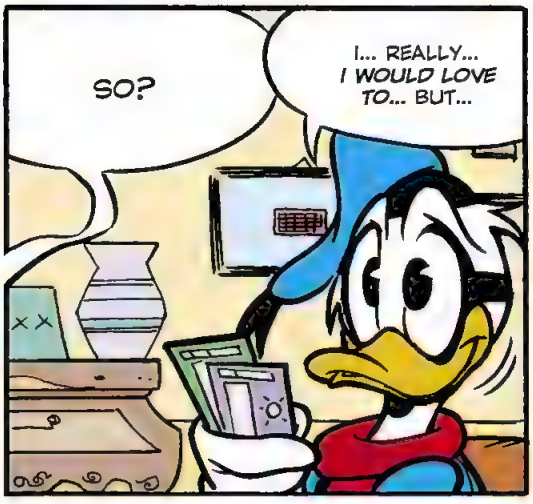

SO, HERE WE HAVE A SPEEDING TICKET...
GLAB!
OFFICER! ALSO ADD "APPROPRIATION OF PRESENTS GIVEN TO OTHERS"!

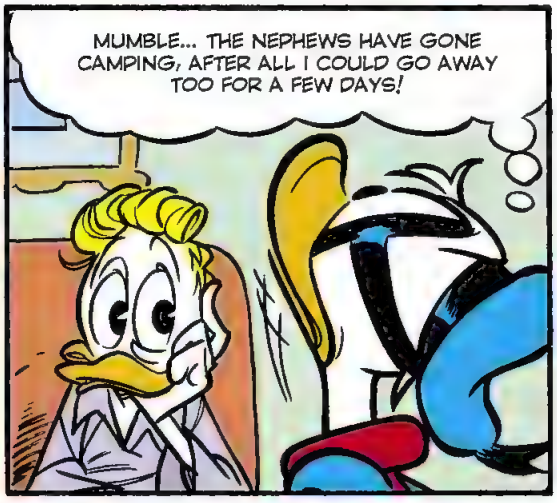

"THIS NIGHT"
I'M COMING! I'M COMING! YAWN! WHO COULD IT BE AT A TIME LIKE THIS?
DIN DON
DIN DON
HELLO GLADSTONE!
QUACK! DUCK AVENGER! IT'S YOU!
SAY NO MORE! I UNDERSTAND! YOU CAME TO THANK ME... BUT THERE'S NO NEED TO!
EHM... NO! I'M SORRY BUT I AM OBLIGED TO RETURN ALL OF YOUR GIFTS!
SIGH... I KNEW IT! YOU DIDN'T LIKE THEM, EH?
ON THE CONTRARY! IT'S JUST THAT I CAN'T ACCEPT THEM!
IT'S A MATTER OF PROFESSIONAL IDEOLOGY! SEEING THE CRIME VANISHED IS THE ONLY RE COMPENSATION THAT I CRAVE!

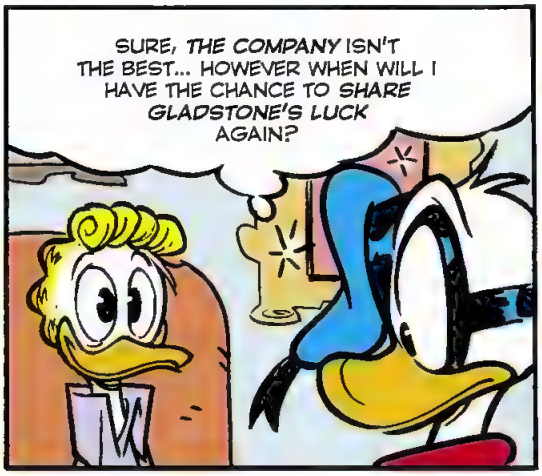

BUT IF YOU WANTED... EHM... I KNOW THAT DONALD WOULD MUCH APPRECIATE THESE GIFTS...
EH?! THAT'S OUT OF THE QUESTION! I WON'T WASTE THEM ON HIM!
SNORT... AT LEAST I TRIED...
WELL, COULD I AT LEAST OFFER YOU SOME TEA AND PASTRIES? THE NIGHT IS COLD!
COINCIDENTALLY, RIGHT NOW I'M ON A BREAK!
YOU KNOW, I'M A BIG FAN OF YOURS! I LEARN ALL ABOUT YOUR ADVENTURES!
MUNCH... REALLY? THANKS!
I WAS THINKING... TWO EXCEPTIONAL DUCKS LIKE US OUGHT TO SPEND MORE TIME HANGING OUT TOGETHER...
CHOMP... DO YOU THINK SO?
YEAH! AND THESE TWO FREE TICKETS FOR A LUXURIOUS CRUISE AT THE SOUTHERN SEAS WITH ALL THE EXPENSES COVERED SEEM TO BE THE IDEAL OCCASION!

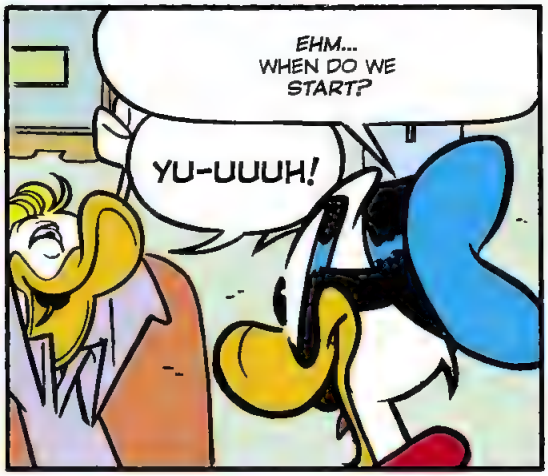

WOULD YOU LIKE TO COME WITH ME?
}QUACK!{ LUXURIOUS? ALL THE EXPENSES COVERED? AT THE SOUTHERN SEAS?

GLAB! A WEEK OF VACATION, COMPLETELY FREE, ON ONE OF THE MOST EXCLUSIVE SHIPS IN THE WORLD... IT'S A DREAM COME TRUE!

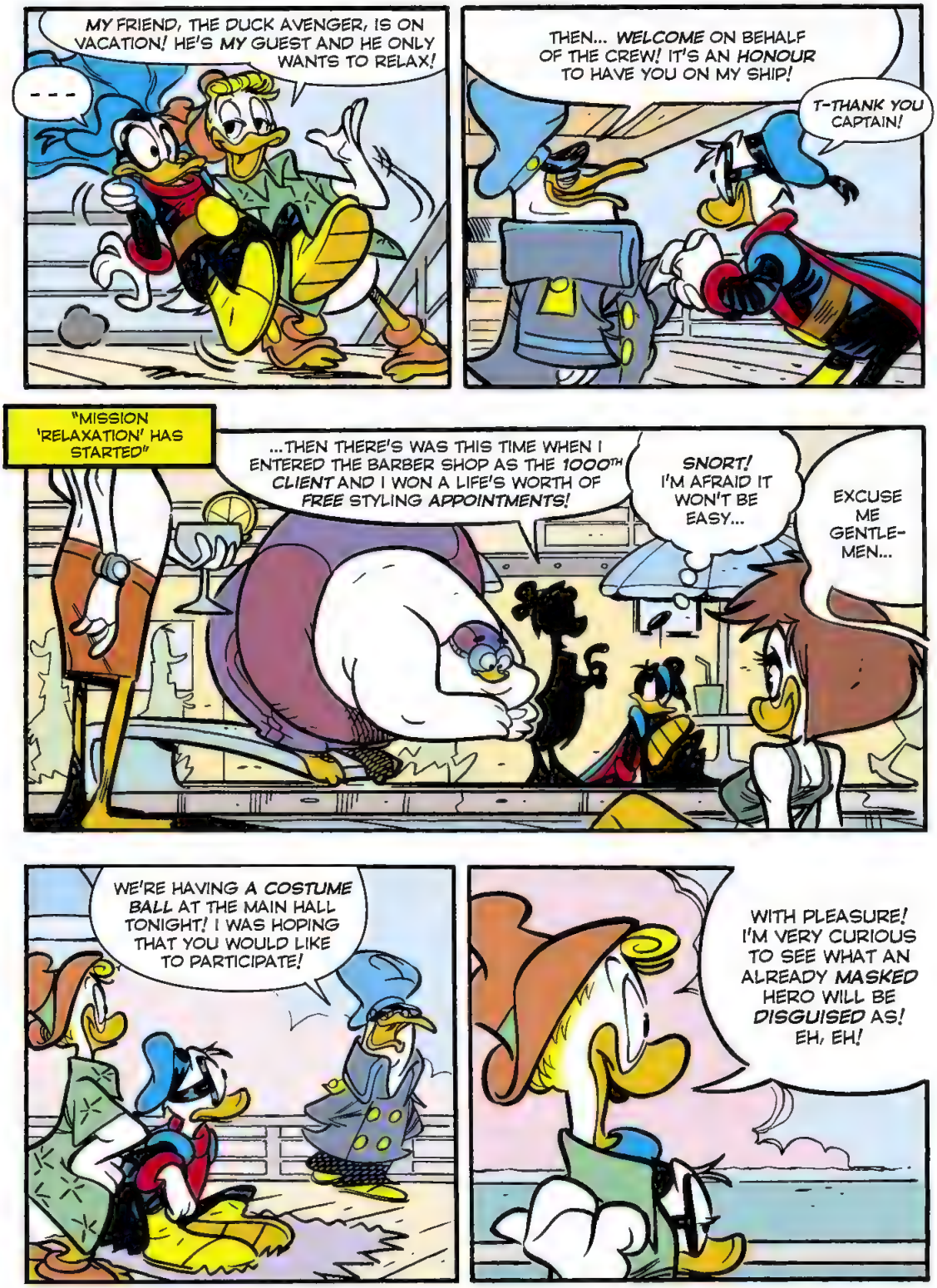

SO?
I... REALLY... I WOULD LOVE TO... BUT...

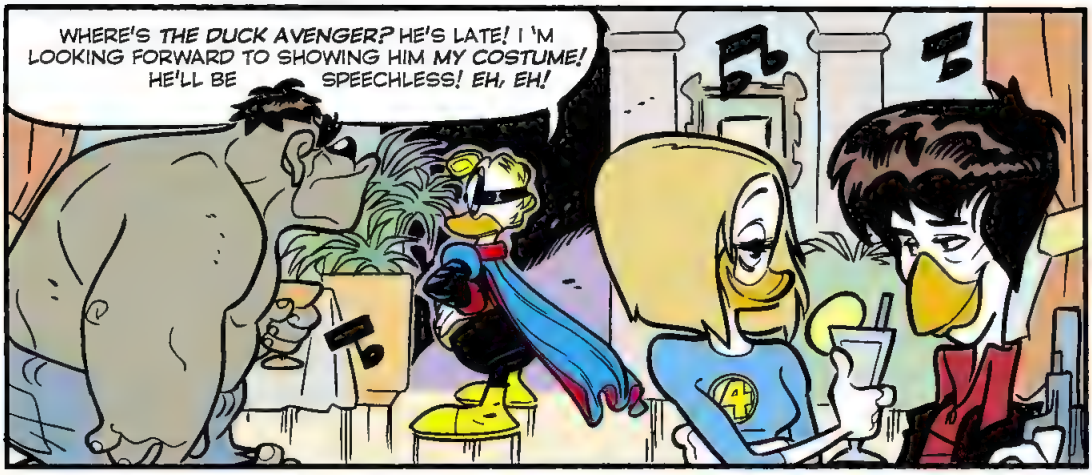

MUMBLE... THE NEPHEWS HAVE GONE CAMPING, AFTER ALL I COULD GO AWAY TOO FOR A FEW DAYS!

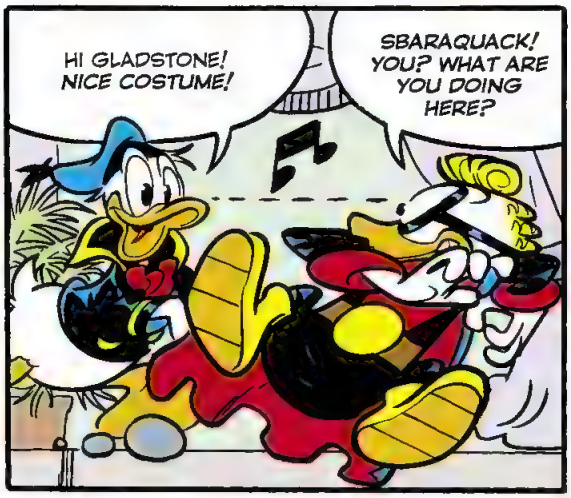

SURE, THE COMPANY ISN'T THE BEST... HOWEVER WHEN WILL I HAVE THE CHANCE TO SHARE GLADSTONE'S LUCK AGAIN?

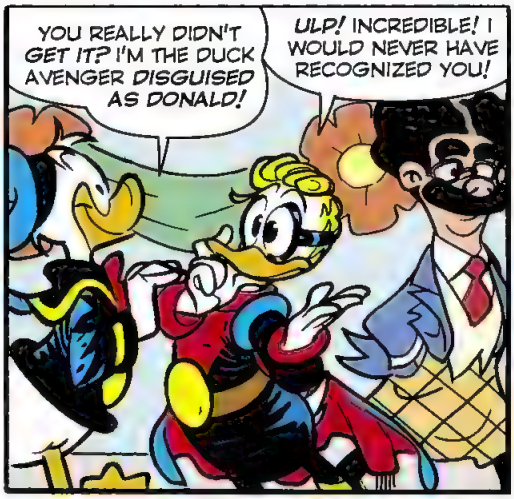

EHM... WHEN DO WE START?
YU-UUUH!

"TOMORROW"
POP
PACIFIC DREAM
DON'T YOU HAVE MORE... COMFORTABLE CLOTHING?
MY WARDROBE IS VERY LIMITED!
EHI! THIS IS THE DUCK AVENGER!
WHAT IS HE DOING HERE?
MAYBE SOMETHING IS THREATENING OUR CRUISE?
TUT-TUT! CALM DOWN MISTERS!


MY FRIEND, THE DUCK AVENGER, IS ON VACATION! HE'S MY GUEST AND HE ONLY WANTS TO RELAX!
- - -
THEN... WELCOME ON BEHALF OF THE CREW! IT'S AN HONOUR TO HAVE YOU ON MY SHIP!
T-THANK YOU CAPTAIN!
"MISSION 'RELAXATION' HAS STARTED"
...THEN THERE'S WAS THIS TIME WHEN I ENTERED THE BARBER SHOP AS THE 1000TH CLIENT AND I WON A LIFE'S WORTH OF FREE STYLING APPOINTMENTS!
SNORT! I'M AFRAID IT WON'T BE EASY...
EXCUSE ME GENTLE-MEN...
WE'RE HAVING A COSTUME BALL AT THE MAIN HALL TONIGHT! I WAS HOPING THAT YOU WOULD LIKE TO PARTICIPATE!
WITH PLEASURE! I'M VERY CURIOUS TO SEE WHAT AN ALREADY MASKED HERO WILL BE DISGUISED AS! EH, EH!

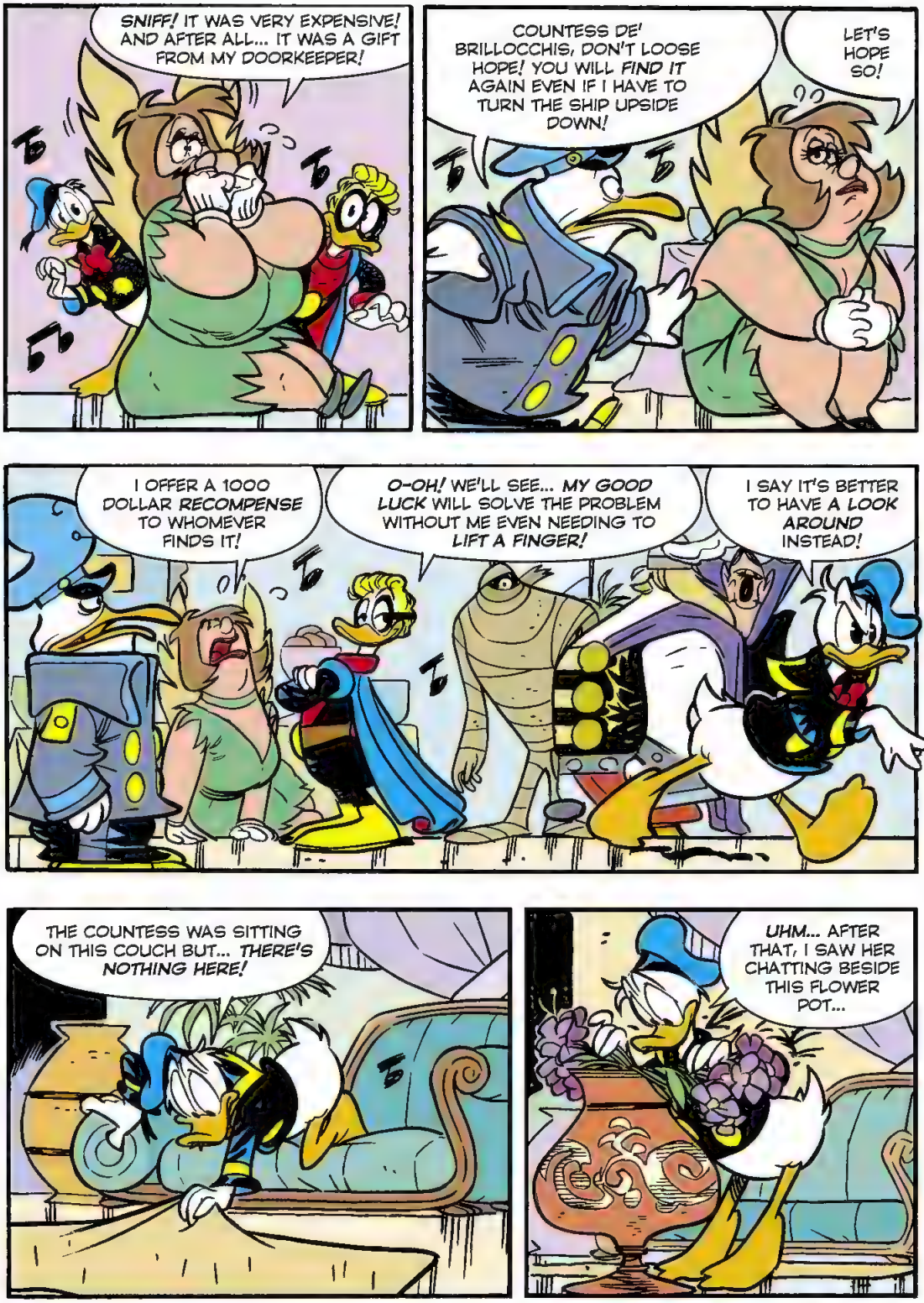

WHERE'S THE DUCK AVENGER? HE'S LATE! I 'M LOOKING FORWARD TO SHOWING HIM MY COSTUME! HE'LL BE SPEECHLESS! EH, EH!

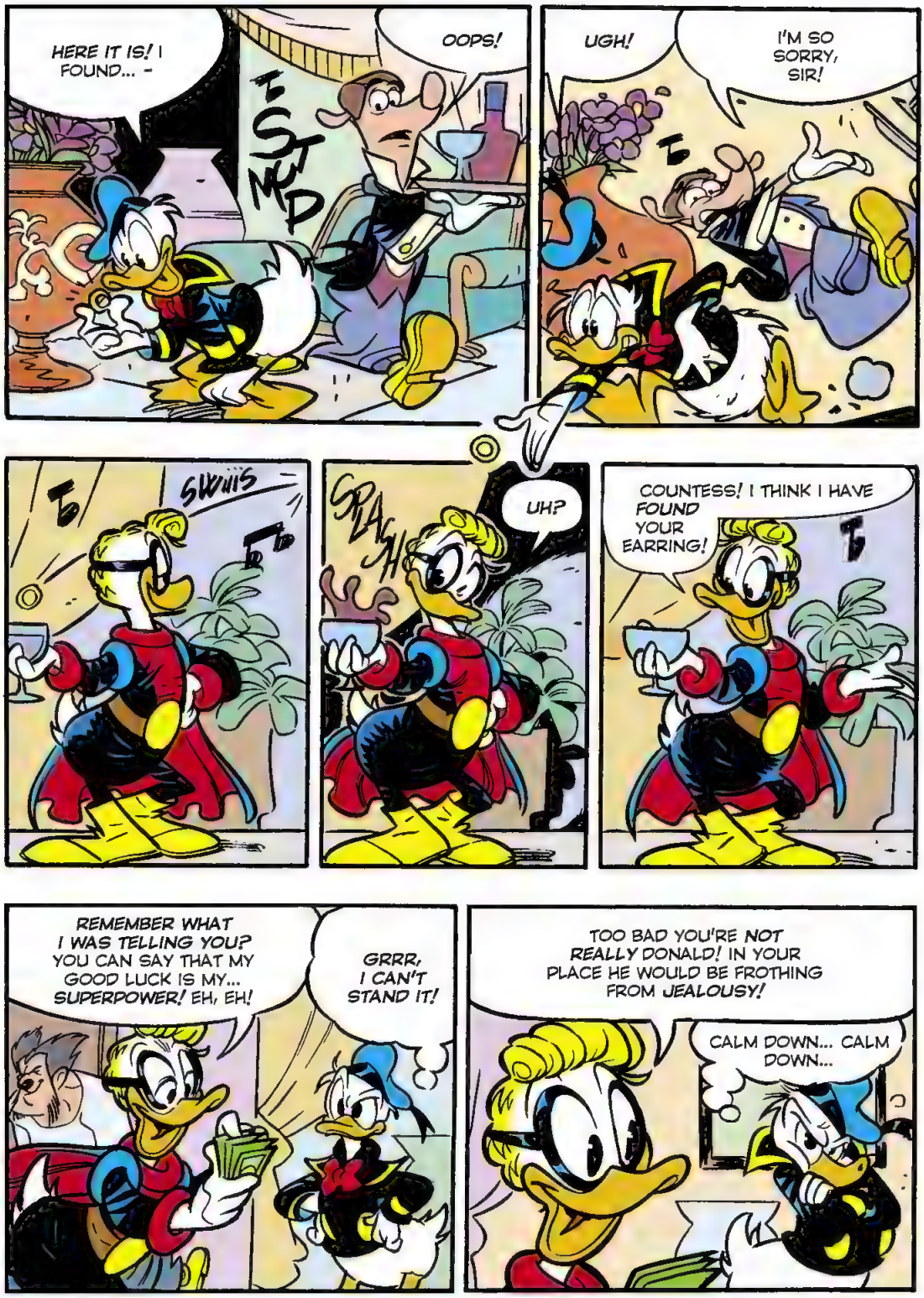

HI GLADSTONE! NICE COSTUME!
SBARAQUACK! YOU? WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?

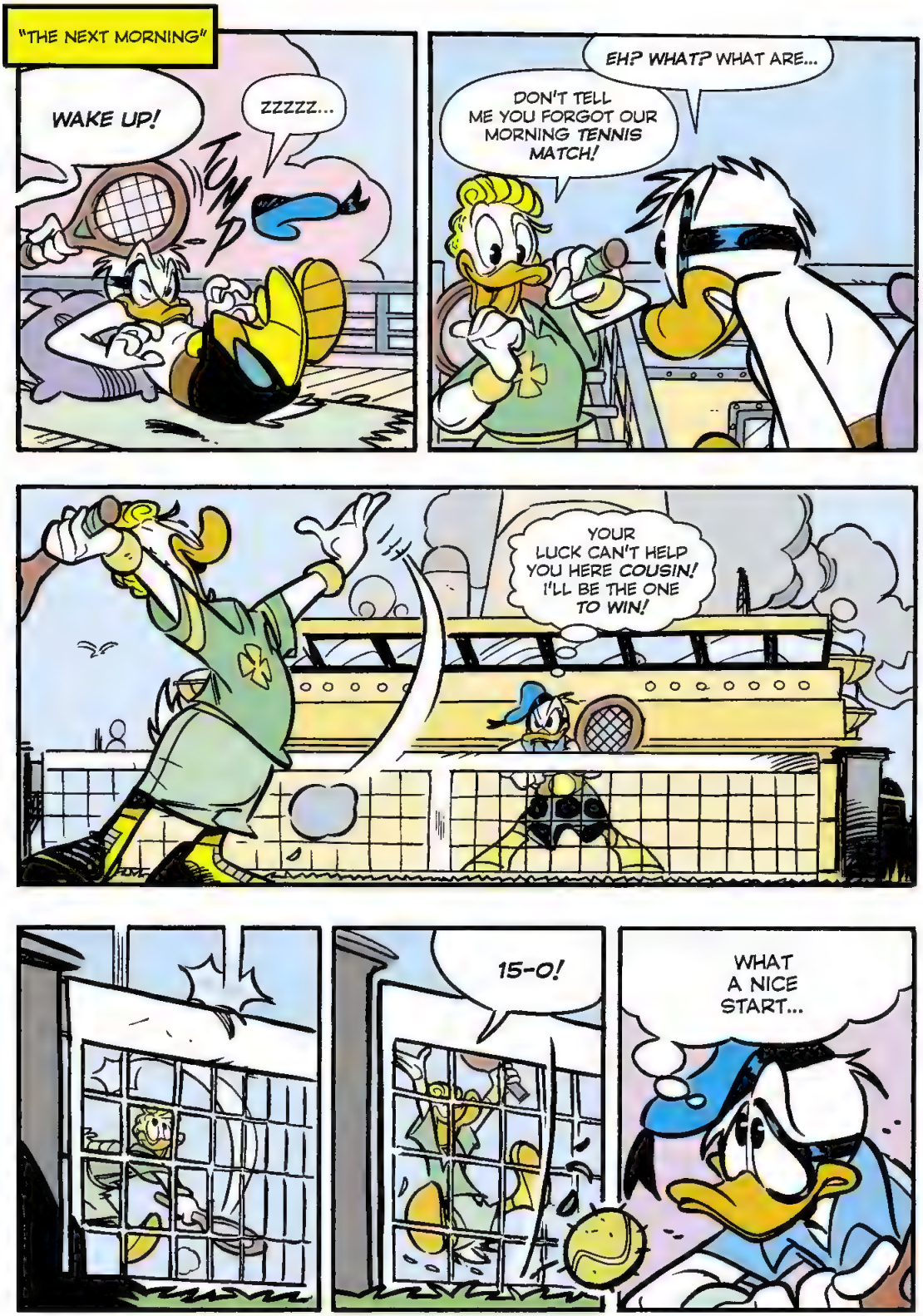

YOU REALLY DIDN'T GET IT? I'M THE DUCK AVENGER DISGUISED AS DONALD!
ULP! INCREDIBLE! I WOULD NEVER HAVE RECOGNIZED YOU!

PHEWW... FOR A MOMENT I THOUGHT THAT MY LOUSY COUSIN HAD COME TO RUIN OUR VACATION!
GRRR... POLITE AS ALWAYS!

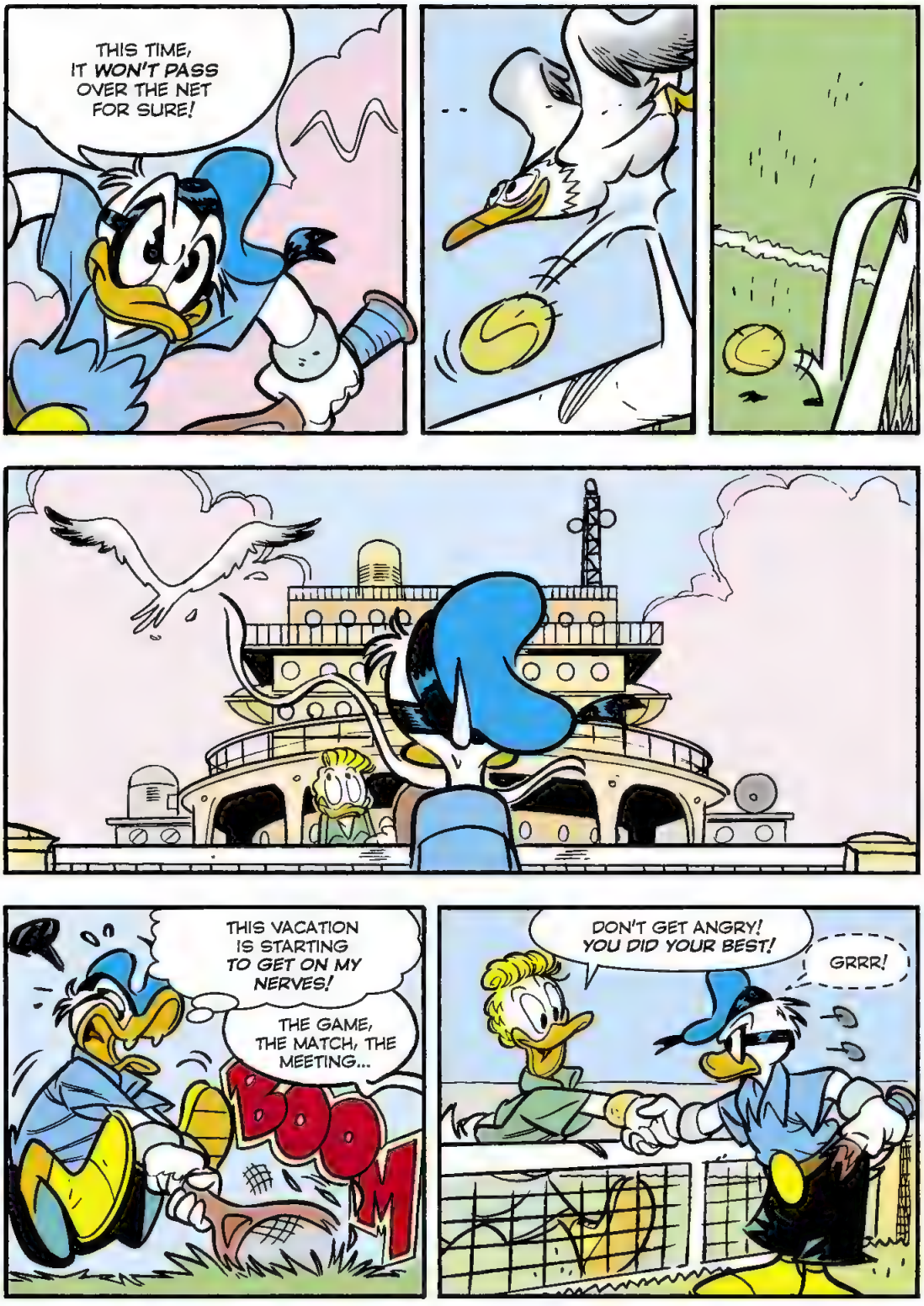
EH, EH, I'M A GENIUS! THIS WAY I CAN SPEND THE EVENING IN NORMAL CLOTHING!
AGHH!!! MY EARRING! IT'S GONE!

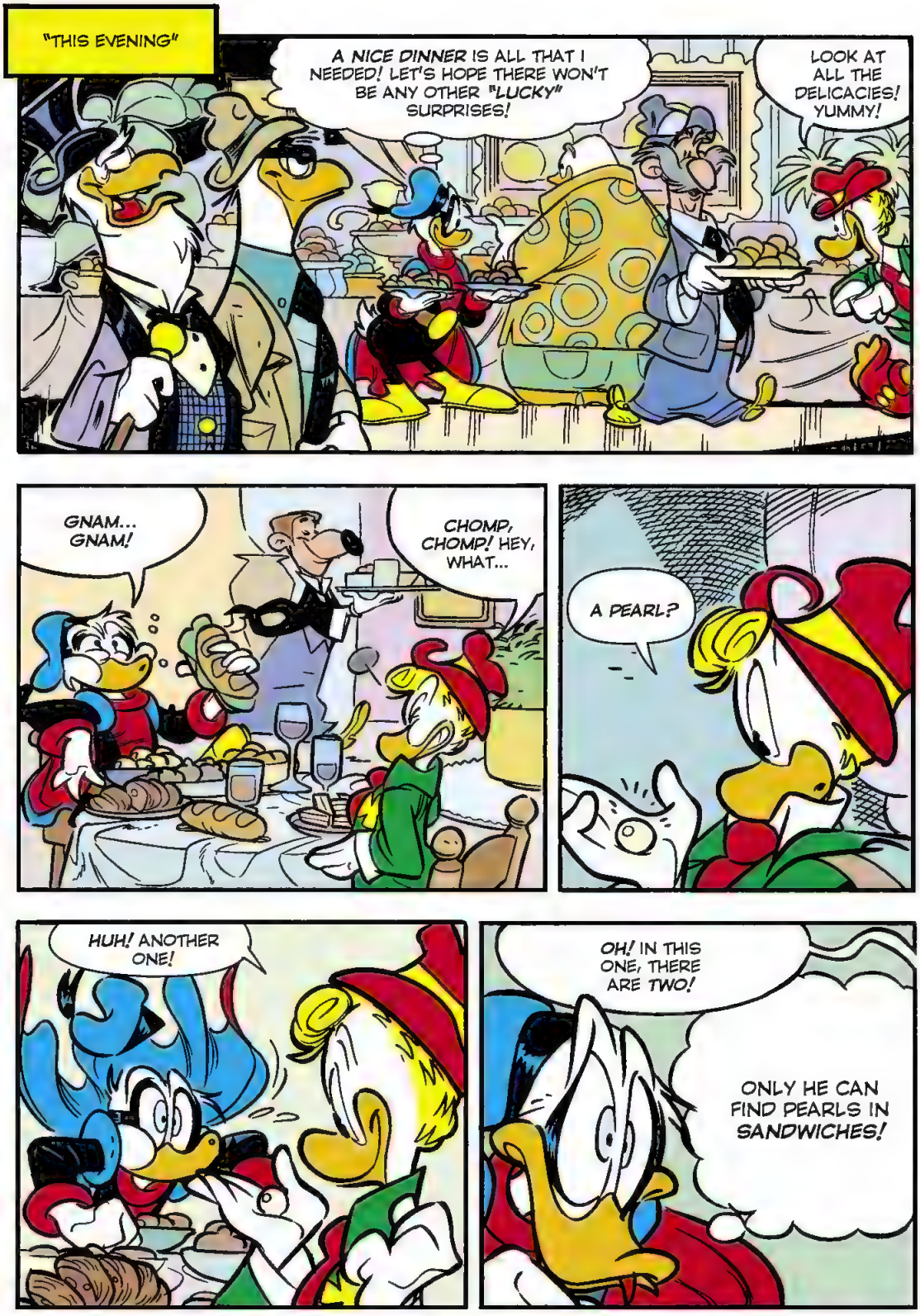

SNIFF! IT WAS VERY EXPENSIVE! AND AFTER ALL... IT WAS A GIFT FROM MY DOORKEEPER!
COUNTESS DE' BRILLOCCHIS, DON'T LOOSE HOPE! YOU WILL FIND IT AGAIN EVEN IF I HAVE TO TURN THE SHIP UPSIDE DOWN!
LET'S HOPE SO!
I OFFER A 1000 DOLLAR RECOMPENSE TO WHOMEVER FINDS IT!
O-OH! WE'LL SEE... MY GOOD LUCK WILL SOLVE THE PROBLEM WITHOUT ME EVEN NEEDING TO LIFT A FINGER!
I SAY IT'S BETTER TO HAVE A LOOK AROUND INSTEAD!
THE COUNTESS WAS SITTING ON THIS COUCH BUT... THERE'S NOTHING HERE!
UHM... AFTER THAT, I SAW HER CHATTING BESIDE THIS FLOWER POT...

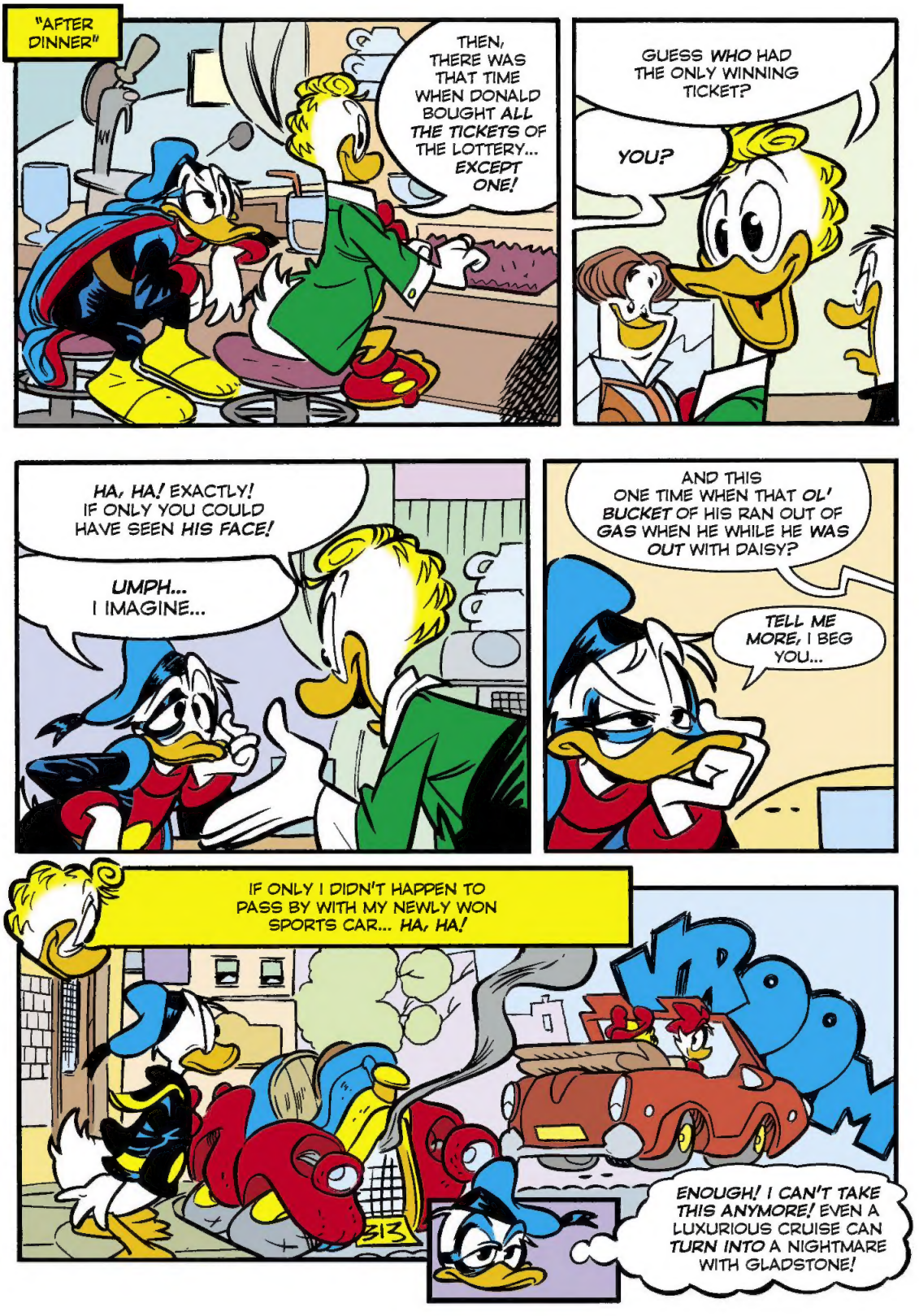

HERE IT IS! I FOUND... -
OOPS!
STUMP
UGH!
I'M SO SORRY, SIR!
SWIIIS
SPLASH
UH?
COUNTESS! I THINK I HAVE FOUND YOUR EARRING!
REMEMBER WHAT I WAS TELLING YOU? YOU CAN SAY THAT MY GOOD LUCK IS MY... SUPERPOWER! EH, EH!
GRRR, I CAN'T STAND IT!
TOO BAD YOU'RE NOT REALLY DONALD! IN YOUR PLACE HE WOULD BE FROTHING FROM JEALOUSY!
CALM DOWN... CALM DOWN...


"THE NEXT MORNING"
WAKE UP!
ZZZZZ...
THUD
EH? WHAT? WHAT ARE...
DON'T TELL ME YOU FORGOT OUR MORNING TENNIS MATCH!
YOUR LUCK CAN'T HELP YOU HERE COUSIN! I'LL BE THE ONE TO WIN!
15-0!
WHAT A NICE START...

PANT! I GOT IT!
30-0!
PUFF... ANF... GRRR!
"THIS WAY..."
ANOTHER POINT FOR ME! JUST ONE MORE AND I WILL BE ABLE TO TELL THAT I BEAT THE GREAT DUCK AVENGER! EH, EH!
WE'LL SEE! TRY BEATING MY SUPER-SERVICE!
STUMP
THUMP


THIS TIME, IT WON'T PASS OVER THE NET FOR SURE!
THIS VACATION IS STARTING TO GET ON MY NERVES!
THE GAME, THE MATCH, THE MEETING...
BOOM
DON'T GET ANGRY! YOU DID YOUR BEST!
GRRR!


"THIS EVENING"
A NICE DINNER IS ALL THAT I NEEDED! LET'S HOPE THERE WON'T BE ANY OTHER "LUCKY" SURPRISES!
LOOK AT ALL THE DELICACIES! YUMMY!
GNAM... GNAM!
CHOMP, CHOMP! HEY, WHAT...
A PEARL?
HUH! ANOTHER ONE!
OH! IN THIS ONE, THERE ARE TWO!
ONLY HE CAN FIND PEARLS IN SANDWICHES!


"AFTER DINNER"
THEN, THERE WAS THAT TIME WHEN DONALD BOUGHT ALL THE TICKETS OF THE LOTTERY... EXCEPT ONE!
GUESS WHO HAD THE ONLY WINNING TICKET?
YOU?
HA, HA! EXACTLY! IF ONLY YOU COULD HAVE SEEN HIS FACE!
UMPH... I IMAGINE...
AND THIS ONE TIME WHEN THAT OL' BUCKET OF HIS RAN OUT OF GAS WHEN HE WHILE HE WAS OUT WITH DAISY?
TELL ME MORE, I BEG YOU...
IF ONLY I DIDN'T HAPPEN TO PASS BY WITH MY NEWLY WON SPORTS CAR... HA, HA!
VROOM
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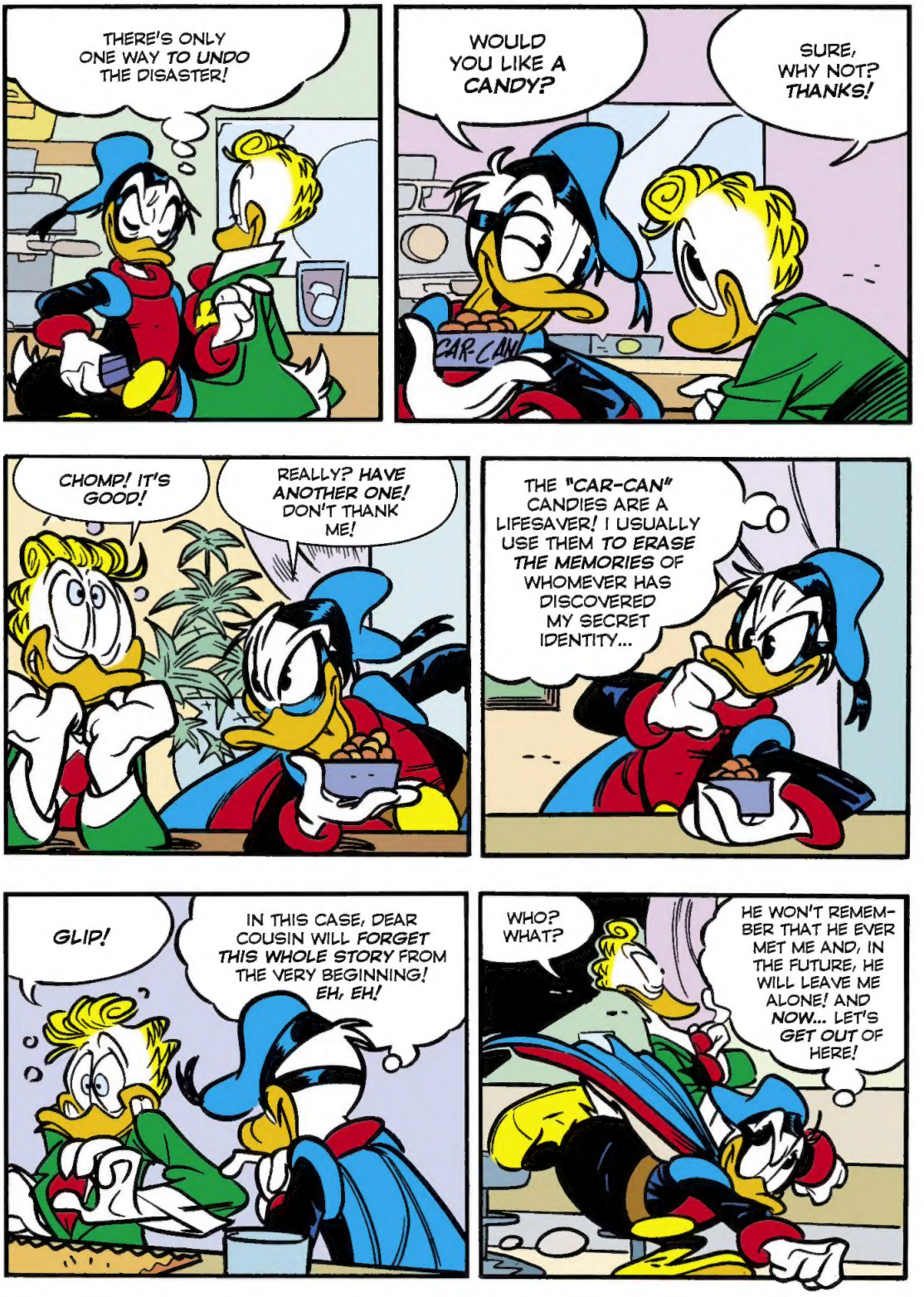
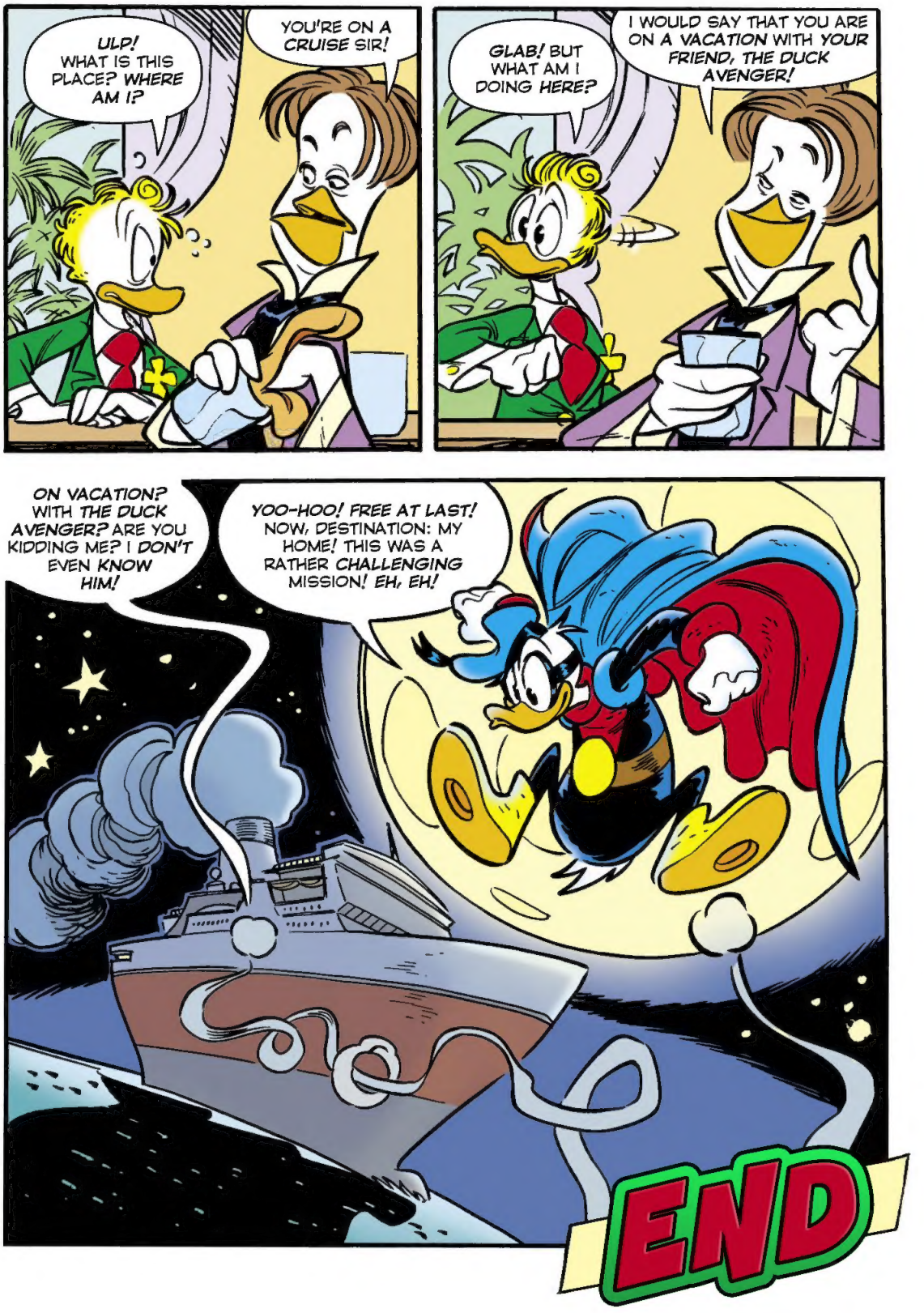
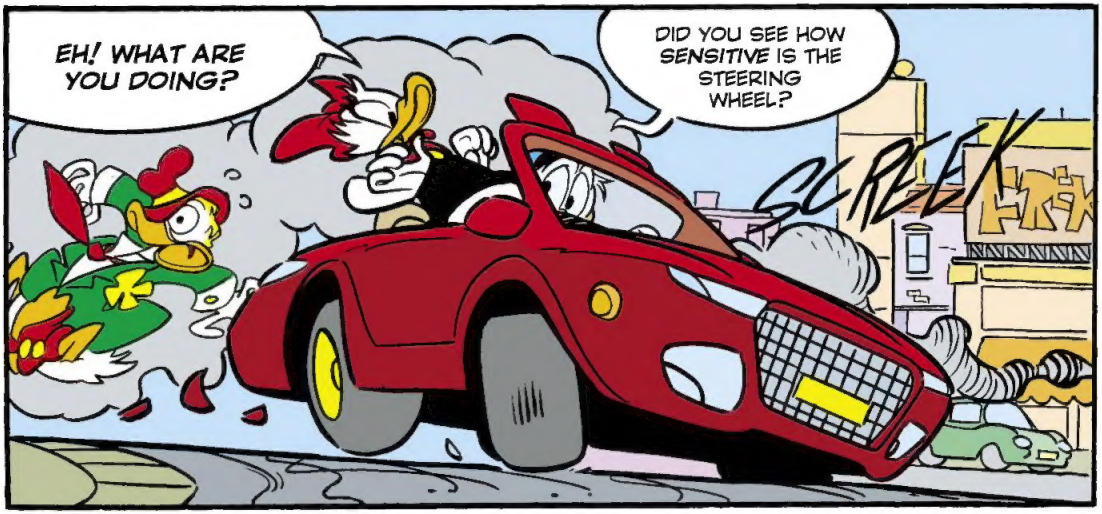
ENOUGH! I CAN'T TAKE THIS ANYMORE! EVEN A LUXURIOUS CRUISE CAN TURN INTO A NIGHTMARE WITH GLADSTONE!


THERE'S ONLY ONE WAY TO UNDO THE DISASTER!
WOULD YOU LIKE A CANDY?
SURE, WHY NOT? THANKS!
CAR-CAN
CHOMP! IT'S GOOD!
REALLY? HAVE ANOTHER ONE! DON'T THANK ME!
THE "CAR-CAN" CANDIES ARE A LIFESAVER! I USUALLY USE THEM TO ERASE THE MEMORIES OF WHOMEVER HAS DISCOVERED MY SECRET IDENTITY...
GLIP!
IN THIS CASE, DEAR COUSIN WILL FORGET THIS WHOLE STORY FROM THE VERY BEGINNING! EH, EH!
WHO? WHAT?
HE WON'T REMEMBER THAT HE EVER MET ME AND, IN THE FUTURE, HE WILL LEAVE ME ALONE! AND NOW... LET'S GET OUT OF HERE!


ULP! WHAT IS THIS PLACE? WHERE AM I?
YOU'RE ON A CRUISE SIR!
GLAB! BUT WHAT AM I DOING HERE?
I WOULD SAY THAT YOU ARE ON A VACATION WITH YOUR FRIEND, THE DUCK AVENGER!
ON VACATION? WITH THE DUCK AVENGER? ARE YOU KIDDING ME? I DON'T EVEN KNOW HIM!
YOO-HOO! FREE AT LAST! NOW, DESTINATION: MY HOME! THIS WAS A RATHER CHALLENGING MISSION! EH, EH!
END

Duck Avenger and the Gladstone effect



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